



Winter 2024-2025

Bowling

November 19, 2024

Today's Agenda

- Bowling updates
- Pre-Season Reminders
- 2025 State Competitions
- Questions









BOWLING UPDATES

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SOPA Website - Sports Offered Page



Links to all the sport pages

- **Sports Offered**
- Recording of this meeting.
- Lots of great resources!

2023-24 Bowling Preseason Coaches Meeting

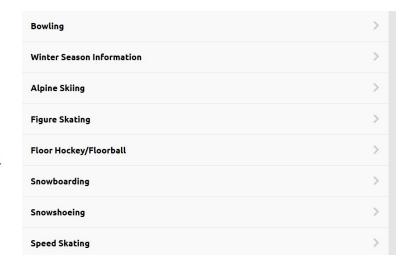
- Meeting Recording
- Meeting Slides

Coaching Resources

• Bowling Resources – rules, coaching guides, fact sheets, etc.

Bowling - Lane Monitor Instructions

Bowling - Score Monitor Instructions





SOI Sport Rules & Resources



Special Olympics Resources

- Coaching Guide
- Fact Sheet
- Rules (2024)
- Rule Changes (2024)
- Warm Up and Cool Down Guides



2024 Rule Changes - Added



3. UNIFIED SPORTS®

- 3.1 The athlete to Unified partner ratio must be 1 athlete to 1 Unified partner in Unified Doubles/Mixed Doubles and must be 2 athletes to 2 Unified Partners in the Team Competition.
- 3.2 It is preferred that athletes and Unified partners are of similar age and similar ability.

For more information on similar age and ability please see Sport Rules Article 1 Section 14.1.2



2024 Rule Changes



3.1.1 Must be approved and identifiable as a ball listed in the "Approved Bowling Balls" list. To check list on the http://bowl.com/approved-ball-list website for approved bowling balls.



2024 Rule Changes



4.5 Uniform Standards

4.5.1 Uniform should consist of neat and clean outfits. No denim items of clothing allowed.

4.5.2 The tops are to be sleeved (short or long-sleeved) and <u>collared</u> or non collared.

• We will continue with collared shirt.



Attire



- 4.5.3 The rest of the attire may consist of long pants or dress or walking shorts. Women may also wear knee-length skirts.
- 4.5.4 No athletic-type shorts are to be worn for competition.
- 4.5.5 All competitors must wear bowling shoes.
- 4.5.6 Socks are required.



SOPA Brand Guidelines

Attire Con't









Sectionals/Regionals

- SOPA will no longer host Bowling Sectionals
- Regions will host regional events that will serve as qualifiers for Indoor Winter Games





Submitting Averages



Athletes (including Unified Partners) MUST submit entry scores prior to a competition.

- Minimum for local tournament = 6 games
- Minimum for Regional competition = 12 games
- Minimum for Indoor Winter Games = 15 games
 - Found on Trackers



How to Calculate Averages



For **15** Game Scratch Average

- Add the total of 15 games then divide by 15
- Total of 15 games = 1827 / 15 = 121.8
- Entry Score = 122

For 12 Game Scratch Average

- Add the total of 12 games then divide by 12
- Total of 12 games 1608 / 12 = 134
- Entry Score = 134



Each participant will have their own unique entry score. **DO NOT** add doubles and team scores together.



Handicapping

Singles

 200 - 15 Game Scratch Average (GSA) = Handicap per game (200 -125 = 75)

Doubles & Unified Doubles

 400 - the 2 bowlers 15 GSA = handicap for the team per games (400 - 100-125 = 175)

Teams & Unified Teams

• 800 - the 4 bowlers 15 GSA = handicap for the team per games (800 - 100 - 125 - 100 - 125 = 350)



Etiquette Information

- Be ready to bowl when the pins are set,
- Observe one-lane courtesy. Right lane first!
- Taking too long to aim or get set up when you are on the approach delays the game.
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- Try to remain in your approach area while delivering the ball.
- Step off the approach once you have delivered the ball.
- Good bowling requires concentration.



Etiquette Con't

- Excessive "lofting" hurts your game and damages the lane.
- Get permission to use another player's ball.
- Refrain from using abusive language or obscene gestures.
- Play the game to win, but be a gracious loser. Good sportsmanship is always the key to a successful game.
- Wet shoes are a safety hazard. Watch where you are walking.

Bowling Circle



No Coaches or Families

No Food or Drink

Athletes may leave the bowling circle for:

- Bathroom Break
- Speak to a Coach/Family
 - Athlete must be in circle for turn
 - Code of Conduct may be issued if athlete isn't present for their turn and game is delayed

PRE-SEASON REMINDERS



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Season at a Glance

SEASONS AT A GLANCE







	FALL	WINTER	SPRING			
Training Site Registration (see link below)	April 1 - May 1	Sept. 1 - Oct. 1	Nov. 1 - Dec. 1			
Athlete, Unified Partner, Volunteer Signup	May 15 - July 15	Oct. 15 - Nov. 15	Dec. 15 - March 1			
Season Length	August 9 - Nov. 3	Dec. 1 - March 2	March 14 - June 7			
Eligibility Deadline	August 23	December 20	March 28			
Sports Offered	Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Long Distance Running /Walking, Powerlifting, Soccer, Volleyball	Alpine Skiing, Bowling, Figure Skating, Floor Hockey, Snowboard, Snowshoe, Speed Skating	Athletics (Track & Field), Basketball, Equestrian, Gymnastics, Swimming, Tennis			



- Sign-ups Athletes and Volunteers - November 15
- After this deadline anyone interested in signing-up must contact the Regional Sport Director.
- Season officially beginsDecember 1
- Seasonal Eligibility/Age
 Group Exemption deadline
 December 20

Sports Season Prep



Important Winter Dates:

- Winter Calendar:
 - https://specialolympicspa.org/images/2024/Competition/winter-2024.25-calendar.pdf
 - Since due dates are different for each Sectional, there is one calendar per section of the state.
 - Found on SOPA website under sports then competition
- Eligibility Deadline: December 20
- Season Dates: December March

Air Quality





If air quality levels are in an Unhealthy Zone (151) or above, no outdoor activities should occur (social or active); as indicated within the documents these activities should be rescheduled or moved indoors.



You can monitor Air Quality levels at https://www.airnow.gov/ enter your location and the current status will be provided.



You can use this Air Quality Guide document as an overall reference.

Athlete & Volunteer Eligibility



Athlete Requirements: Medical on file WITH signature + expiration dates

- Athlete Medical / Registration Form & Health History under Certifications.
- Valid for 3 years.
- •Save attachments under "Attachments" within a person's profile vs. anywhere else in the profile.

Class A Volunteer Requirements: Class A Trainings + Background Check on file

- Background Results under Background Checks, Valid for 5 years.
- General Orientation under Training, Valid for life.
- Protective Behaviors, under Training, Valid for 3 years.
- Concussion Training, under Training, Valid for 3 years.

Coaches will check the trackers to ensure athletes and volunteers have completed their eligibility requirements.

Volunteer Eligibility: Volunteer Classifications



Volunteers who CANNOT supervise athletes and volunteers:

- <u>Unified Partner</u>: volunteer who trains and competes alongside an athlete. Required to have a volunteer application, background clearance, Protective Behaviors training, General Orientation training and health history form.
- <u>General Volunteer:</u> volunteer who assists only occasionally at a local training site and has limited contact with athletes, only under the supervision of coaches. They do NOT supervise, chaperone or travel with the team to competitions. These may be individuals who only are able to attend a few practices, or who want to better understand SOPA before becoming more involved. Required to have completed a volunteer application.

Head Coaches are expected to enforce these classifications.

Volunteer Eligibility: Volunteer Classifications



Volunteers who CAN supervise athletes and volunteers:

- <u>Head Coach</u>: Volunteer who creates, organizes and leads a comprehensive sport training program for a team. Required to complete a volunteer application, background check, Protective Behaviors training, General Orientation training, Concussion training and a sports certification.
- <u>Assistant Coach:</u> Volunteer who helps organize practice and assist athletes in acquiring sports skills. Required to complete a volunteer application, background check, Protective Behaviors training, General Orientation and Concussion Training.
- <u>Chaperone/Training Site Volunteer:</u> Volunteer who supports a training site/team to cover the 1:4 ratio. Chaperones don't help with sports training, but they may support a team through supervision and administrative support. Chaperones are able to supervise athletes and travel with the team to competitions. Required to have a volunteer application, background check, Protective Behaviors Training, General Orientation and Concussion training.

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Athlete as Coach



- Athletes can participate in sports in more ways than just an athlete.
- Prior to each sports season, SOPA provides seasonal webinars to any current/interested Athletes as Coaches to help them learn what is expected as a coach vs. an athlete and how to go about getting certified.
- In addition to athletes, these webinars are also for coaches, Team Leaders and other volunteers to better understand how they can support current/potential Athletes as Coaches.
- In the event an interested Athlete as Coach does not want to wait for the next webinar, here is the link to the recording of the most recent one: Athlete as Coach Webinar
- All interested Athletes as Coaches must fill out the Athletes as Coaches <u>request form</u> with approval from the head coach they would be working with. From there, they will be interviewed by their Regional Sports Director to determine if they are appropriate to attend a training school.
- Please contact Jordan Schubert at jschubert@specialolympicspa.org with any questions about Athletes as Coaches.

Coaching Requirements



Coach requirements for training and competition:

Team Sports:

Must have at least one (1) certified coach per team

Individual Sports and Team Individual Skills:

Must have at least one (1) certified coach per 25 athletes



In-Season Communication



SOPA Communication

- SOPA is in the midst of a communication overhaul and will be rolling a new communication plan starting with the Spring Sports Season, however there are a couple ways the plan will affect the Winter Sport Season:
 - All participants who qualify for a statewide competition event will get a "Welcome to Winter Games" or "Welcome to Indoor Winter Games" email which will highlight important updates and features for the games
 - Text Messaging SOPA will be utilizing Text Message notifications at all Statewide competition events and to promote sports sign ups; please don't unsubscribe and add this number to your contacts: 1-267-341-0663

Head Coach Communication Reminders

- Please be sure that you are communicating with all your assistant coaches going into the season and during — especially any new coaches!
- Please be sure that you are using the most to up to date contact information for your athletes and their guardians, this can be found in the trackers





- •Bowling is the only winter sport that is a qualifier to Indoor Winter Games.
 - Qualifying events will be Regional Bowling Tournaments
- •Games Advancement slots per Regional will be dependent on total number of slots at Indoor Winter Games and % of interest in advancing from each Regional event.

WINTER

- Alpine Skiing
- Bowling
- Figure Skating
- Floor Hockey/Floorball
- Snowboarding
- Snowshoeing
- Speed Skating

Winter Allocations

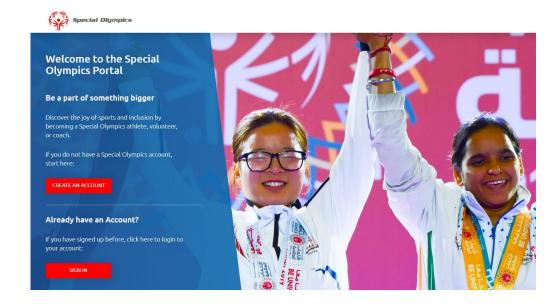


- Bowling is the only winter sport providing allocations.
- •Regional Tournaments will be allocating as necessary for their events, based on either previous year training numbers or current training season, if all training sites are up and running for the season.
- •IWG allocations will be provided in early January once all Regional Bowling registrations have been submitted.

New Portal

- Volunteers can log into our new <u>Online</u>
 <u>Portal</u> (portals.specialolympics.org) to check and update their eligibility requirements.
- Any volunteer who has not logged into the new portal and needs support with claiming their profile can reach out to us at <u>portalsupport@specialolympicspa.org</u>.
- New volunteers: When a new volunteer registers in the portal, they will need to click on "Do More with Special Olympics" to sign up for the role of their choice (coach, chaperone, Unified Partner, etc.).





Portal = Coach Training Schools

- Sign up for event Training School Registration
- Virtual Training School will be offered for Snowshoeing, Bowling
- In-person Training Schools will need to be scheduled for Alpine Skiing,
 Snowboarding, Floorball, Figure Skating, Speed Skating
- Please contact your Regional Sports Direction ASAP if you need an in-person training scheduled in your Region

	Shift Name:	Role:	Date:	Spots:
	Showshoeing Virtual Training: 6:00 PM EST - 8:00 PM EST	General Volunteer	11/19	9/30
	Snowshoeing Virtual Training: 8:30 AM EST - 10:30 AM EST	General Volunteer	11/23	1/30
	Bowling Virtual Training: 6:00 PM EST - 9:00 PM EST	General Volunteer	11/21	11 / 45
0	Bowling Virtual Training: 12:00 PM EST - 3:00 PM EST	General Volunteer	11/23	6/45

Tracker Updates



TRACKER- is now the ONE place to manage your team: Attendance, eligibility and event registration. Every individual that signed-up for your training site via the Sign-Up form will appear on your Tracker.

TABS:

- Instruction:
 - Explains what is contained on each tab and what needs to be completed by the coach during the season.
 - Includes total people count and verifies 1:4 ratio is being met.
- Athlete/Volunteer:
 - View Sign-ups, pull contact information, check eligibility
 - Actions to take here complete LOI, track attendance
- Sport Specific Roster:
 - Manage roster, track athlete data throughout the season
 - Actions to take here: assign roles for events, enter sport specific data required for events
- Rating Form (Team Sports):
 - We have added a roster to this page, please complete along with jersey number
 - Enter player initials into appropriate box under each evaluation category.

Tracker (Tab 1) - Instruction Tab

Training Site Info and Data

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	ROSTER STATUS	ACTIVE ▼	Team Name	Lycoming C	ounty	Training Site	Faxon La	nes		Sport	Bowling	
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	Meets 4:1 Ratio	NO	# Athletes	41	#	Unified Partners	4	# General Volunteer	5			
	# Head Coaches	3	# Assistant Coaches	4	# Total He	ad/Asst Coaches	7	# Certified Coaches	7			Ι.

TRACKER COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS:

Team Roster, Attendance & Competition Participation





Tracker:

This tracker is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT and the ONE place the Head/Assistant Coach/Site Coordinator will enter all KEY information for the season for each team/training site participant. Event LOI and registration will now be pulled directly from this form.

Populating Your Tracker:

Participants will automatically populate to your tracker when a SIGN UP form is completed for your site. Athletes and volunteers MUST complete the online sign up form. The participant data (Columns A - J) are locked and cannot be modified. If you need someone removed from your roster or something is incorrect, you must reach out to your Regional Sport Director - they will be happy to update the form.

Athlete / Volunteer Tab:

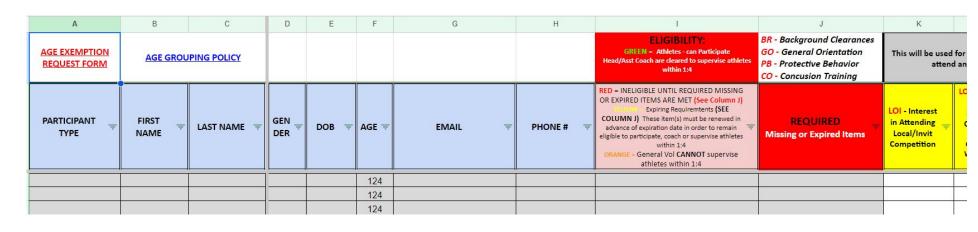
Columns A-J will populate automatically from the SIGN-UP form

Eligibility: Column I will indicate Eligibility for participation as an athlete, coach or volunteer.

* RED - indicates that an athlete, assistant/head coach is either missing or has an expired Required item(s), these are listed in Column J and are INELIGIBLE to participate until

Form Instructions

Tracker (Tab 2) - Athlete/Volunteer Tab Eligibility, LOI, Attendance



Eligibility - Red Event Interest - Yellow Attendance – Blue

A, B, C are frozen and will remain as you scroll over

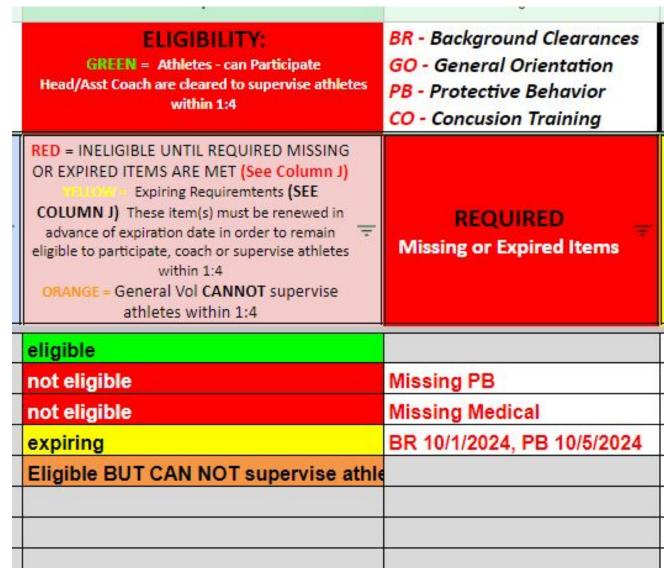
Specific
Column
instructions
can be found
in first 2 rows

			ELIGIBILITY: GREEN = Athletes - can Participate Head/Asst Coach are cleared to supervise athletes within 1:4	BR - Background Clearances GO - General Orientation PB - Protective Behavior CO - Concusion Training	The second secon	d for your LOI - if ATHL d an event mark with	At end of the se	At end of the season Head Coach will need to mark which athletes hav list practice dates in				
PARTICIPANT =	FIRST -	LAST NAME =	RED = INELIGIBLE UNTIL REQUIRED MISSING OR EXPIRED ITEMS ARE MET (See Column I) DISTRIBUTION OF Expiring Requirements (SEE COLUMN J) These item(s) must be renewed in advance of expiration date in order to remain eligible to participate, coach or supervise athletes within 1:4 ORANGE = General Vol CANNOT supervise	REQUIRED Missing or Expired Items	DEADLINE =	DEADLINES: Regional Bowling Event: 01/12/2025 This column due 12/28/2024	Deadline: =	Athlete Trained for == 8 weeks	10/5/24 =	10/12/2, =	LO/19/2· =	10/26/2; = 1:
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Athlete: Special Olymp	Amir	Beckett	Eligible - Can Participate		x	x		(•	X	x		
Athlete: Special Olymp	Kevin	Boyles	Eligible - Can Participate		x	x		(•	X	х		
Athlete: Special Olymp	Sean	Brink	Eligible - Can Participate		x	x		(•)	x	х		
Athlete: Special Olymp	Andrew	Butters	Eligible - Can Participate					(▼		X		

RSDs will sort alphabetically, if you would like a specific sort just ASK them!

Tracker - Athlete/Volunteer Tab (cont) Eligibility

- The ELIGIBILITY tab on each of your attendance trackers will be updated on a weekly basis from Oct 15 – Dec 13 by your Regional Team. PLEASE encourage and assist your athletes and volunteers in meeting our eligibility requirements.
- The deadline to make sure athletes and volunteers meet eligibility requirements for the Winter is December 20th
- Athletes and Volunteer CANNOT participate in trainings if they have not met all eligibility requirements - it is <u>YOUR</u> responsibility to track this.



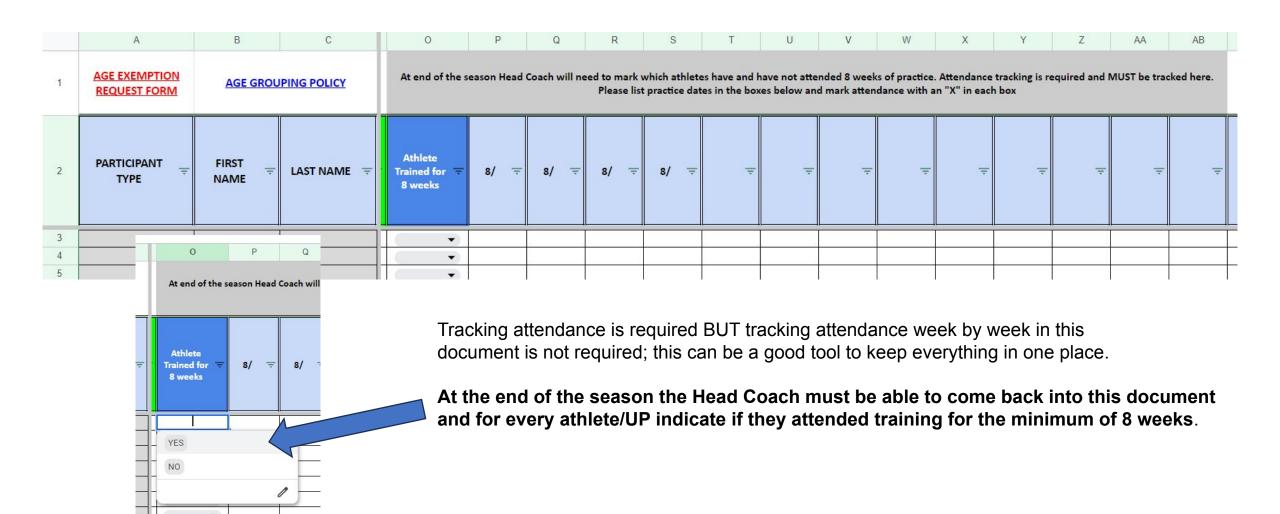
Tracker - Athlete/Volunteer Tab (cont)

			This will be used for your LOI - if ATHLETE is planning to attend an event mark with an "X"		
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Athlete: Special Olymp	Timothy	Balzer	х	x	
Athlete: Special Olymp	Amir	Beckett	х	x	
Athlete: Special Olymp	Kevin	Boyles	x	x	
Athlete: Special Olymp	Sean	Brink	x	x	
Athlete: Special Olymp	Andrew	Butters			
Athlete: Special Olymp	Airik	Carey	×	x	
Athlete: Special Olymp	Jacob	Carey	x	x	
Assistant Coach: Help	Pamela	Carev	x	X	

Here is where you will complete your INTENT to participate in an event — indicating with an "X" for both athletes and volunteers

- LOIs will be collected in the same way these always have, this is just a place for you to keep track of who is interested in attending events.
- LOI request will come from your Regional team or Program Leadership

Tracker - Athlete/Volunteer Tab (cont) Attendance



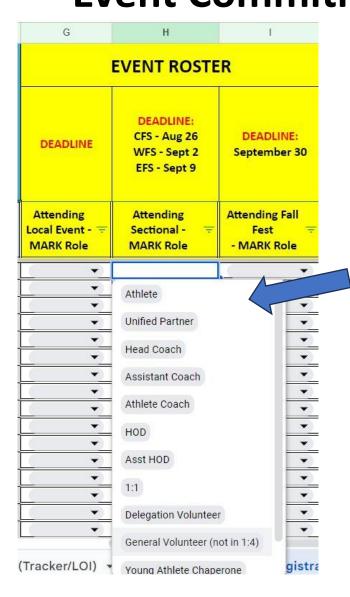
Tracker (Tab 3) - SPORT Roster Tab Event Commitment and Registration



Event Commitment and Role

Event – Sport specific Registration

Tracker - SPORT Roster Tab (cont) Event Commitment



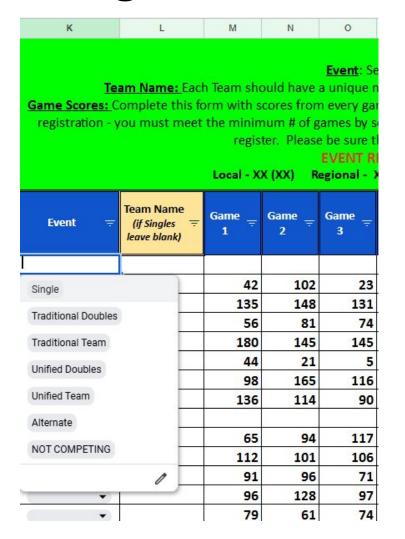
Select role for each individual attending the event (can not exceed the total # of your final allocations)



Once a selection is made you can pull down on the blue circle in lower right corner to copy that selection to cells below.

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	EVENT ROST		
DEADLINE	DEADLINE: CFS - Aug 26 WFS - Sept 2 EFS - Sept 9		
Attending Local Event - = MARK Role	Attending Sectional MARK Role		
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Tracker - SPORT Roster Tab Event Registration



EVENT REGISTRATION

ALPINE SKIING

EVENT: Select events for each individual, up to 3 events per person **EVENT TIMES** should be entered with just periods (not colons), i.e.: 23.24.55

You should track your athletes events and times in this document, please be sure the times are updated in this document by:

WINTER GAMES REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

January 23, 2025

EVENT 1 =	EVENT 1 =	EVENT 2 =	EVENT 2 TIME:	EVENT3 ₹	EVENT 3 =
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Athlete Performance Training- video

- In season fitness program
- Minimum of 8 weeks
- Improve the health and fitness of your athletes- improved sports performance!
- Includes fitness assessments at the start and end of season. Assessments require minimum of 30 yards of space
- Materials will be sent to you, teams tracker will be emailed
- Complete training and registration on the <u>APT webpage</u>, under "If you're a coach"

If you are looking to volunteer or learn more, please reach out to <u>Charla Stein, Healthy Communities Coordinator</u>, 610-630-9450 ext. 254.





WINTER SEASON COMPETITIONS

Local, Invitational, Regional Competitions



- We would like to develop a comprehensive SOPA Competition Calendar, but we need your HELP!
- We want to better capture ALL the AMAZING work that you and our volunteers are doing within the community
- We also want to create as many opportunities as possible, having a better understanding of when and where events are already occurring will help the Regional Teams to plan out a season

We are asking event leads to fill out this quick form to let us know when you have competitions planned.

SOPA Competition Calendar Submission Form

Winter Events

Winter Games

• Seven Springs Resort February 11-13, 2025

Indoor Winter Games:

York, PA
 March 1-2, 2025



Winter Games: Tues. February 11 - Thurs. February 13, 2025

Seven Springs Mountain Resort: Seven Springs, PA

Reg Info: Will be out by 12/13

○ LOI: Due 1/9

○ Final Allocations: 1/10

Rosters: Due 1/27

○ Google links sent: 1/28

• Registration: Due

Scratch/Activation: Due 2/4



Indoor Winter Games: March 1-2, 2025

Various Venues throughout York, PA

○ Reg Info: Will be out by 1/3

○ LOI: Due 1/23

○ Final Allocations: 1/24

○ Rosters: Due 1/27

○ Google links sent: 1/28

• Registration: Due

Scratch/Activation: Due 2/20



THANK YOU